

AGENDA ITEM 14

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY THE AD HOC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORAL COMMITTEE TO AMEND BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 2570.4 AND 2570.6 TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INCLUDE REFERENCE TO DOCTORAL CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE.



OTD COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

- The meeting was called to order and a quorum of the committee was established.
- The August 16, 2021, Committee meeting minutes were approved.
- The Committee reviewed Business and Professions Code Section 2570.4, and recommends the Board approve the following:

(c) Any person completing a supervised entry-level doctoral capstone experience or fulfilling the supervised fieldwork experience requirements of subdivision-(e) (d) of Section 2570.6, if the experience constitutes a part of the experience necessary to meet the requirement of that provision.

- The Committee reviewed Business and Professions Code Section 2570.6, and recommends the Board approve the edits to subsection (d) and the addition of a new subsection (e), as shown below, and acknowledges re-lettering of subsequent subsections would be required.

(d) That the applicant has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience, approved by the board, and arranged by a recognized ACOTE-accredited educational institution where ~~he or she~~ the applicant has met the academic requirements of subdivision (b), ~~or (c) or arranged by a nationally recognized professional association.~~ The fieldwork requirements for applicants applying for licensure as an occupational therapist or ~~certification as an occupational therapy assistant~~ shall be consistent with the requirements of the ACOTE accreditation standards, or AOTA's predecessor organization, or AOTA's Career Mobility Program, that were in effect when the applicant completed ~~his or her~~ their educational program.

(e) That the applicant has successfully completed a supervised entry-level doctoral capstone experience and all experiences approved by the board and arranged by an ACOTE-accredited educational institution where the applicant has met the academic requirements of subdivision (d) The capstone requirement for applicants applying for licensure as an occupational therapist shall be consistent with the ACOTE accreditation standards in effect when the applicant completed the entry-level occupational therapy doctoral program.

- The committee members requested the Board review the topic of supervision of students. Specifically, *what is an appropriate number of occupational therapy students that could be supervised by an occupational therapist who is concurrently supervising occupational therapy assistants?*

AMENDMENTS TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTIONS 2570.4

Section 2570.4

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practice, services, or activities of any of the following persons:

(a) Any person licensed or otherwise recognized in this state by any other law or regulation when that person is engaged in the profession or occupation for which he or she is licensed or otherwise recognized.

(b) Any person pursuing a supervised course of study leading to a degree or certificate in occupational therapy at an accredited educational program, if the person is designated by a title that clearly indicates his or her status as a student or trainee.

(c) Any person completing a supervised entry level doctoral capstone experience or fulfilling the supervised fieldwork experience requirements of subdivision (d) of Section 2570.6, if the experience constitutes a part of the experience necessary to meet the requirement of that provision.

(d) Any person performing occupational therapy services in the state if all of the following apply:

(1) An application for licensure as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant has been filed with the board pursuant to Section 2570.6 and an application for a license in this state has not been previously denied.

(2) The person possesses a current, active, and nonrestricted license to practice occupational therapy under the laws of another state that the board determines has licensure requirements at least as stringent as the requirements of this chapter.

(3) Occupational therapy services are performed in association with an occupational therapist licensed under this chapter, and for no more than 60 days from the date on which the application for licensure was filed with the board.

(e) Any person employed as an aide subject to the supervision requirements of this section.

Section 2570.6

An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file with the board a written application provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that he or she meets all of the following requirements:

(a) That the applicant is in good standing and has not committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of a license under Section 480.

(b) (1) That the applicant has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants that is approved by the board and accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), or accredited or approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) predecessor organization, or approved by AOTA's Career Mobility Program.

(2) The curriculum of an educational program for occupational therapists shall contain the content required by the ACOTE accreditation standards, or as approved by AOTA's predecessor organization, or as approved by AOTA's Career Mobility Program.

(c) (1) For an applicant who is a graduate of an occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant educational program who is unable to provide evidence of having met the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), he or she may demonstrate passage of the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board, or the American Occupational Therapy Association, as evidence of having successfully satisfied the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b).

(2) For an applicant who completed AOTA's Career Mobility Program, he or she shall demonstrate participation in the program and passage of the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board, or the American Occupational Therapy Association, as evidence of having successfully satisfied the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b).

(d) That the applicant has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the board, and arranged by a recognized ACOTE-accredited educational institution where ~~he or she~~ the applicant has met the academic requirements of subdivision (b), ~~or (c) or arranged by a nationally recognized professional association.~~ The fieldwork requirements for applicants applying for licensure as an occupational therapist or ~~certification~~ as an occupational therapy assistant shall be consistent with the requirements of the ACOTE accreditation standards, or AOTA's predecessor organization, or AOTA's Career Mobility Program, that were in effect when the applicant completed ~~his or her~~ their educational program.

(e) That the applicant has successfully completed a supervised entry-level doctoral capstone experience and all experiences approved by the board and arranged by an ACOTE-accredited educational institution where the applicant has met the academic requirements of subdivision (d). The capstone requirement for applicants applying for licensure as an occupational therapist shall be consistent with the ACOTE accreditation standards in effect when the applicant completed the entry-level occupational therapy doctoral program.

~~(e)~~ (f) That the applicant has passed an examination as provided in Section 2570.7.

~~(f)~~ (g) That the applicant, at the time of application, is a person over 18 years of age, is not addicted to alcohol or any controlled substance, and has not committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.